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RICHARD F. BLINN.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*Papers in the Indian depredation claim of Richard F. Blinn.*

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JANUARY 20, 1890.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Depredation Claims and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, January 17, 1890.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a communication of 3d of October, 1889, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing certain papers in the Indian depredation claim of Richard F. Blinn, No. 899, which claim was transmitted to Congress in January, 1887.

These papers were returned to the Indian Office from the House of Representatives on September 24, 1889, and are as follows:

Three letters from Mr. George Strain, dated March 15, March 18, and April 5, 1881; office letter of April 9, 1881, and Department letter of January 12, 1882.

In compliance with the Commissioner's recommendation the said papers are herewith returned with request that they be filed with the above claim.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,  
*Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, October 3, 1889.*

SIR: On October 18, 1886, this office submitted a report on depredation claim No. 899 of Richard F. Blinn, amount, \$2,400; and pursuant to Department letter of October 22, 1886, the claim, with all the

papers then on file in this office, was transmitted to Congress January, 1887. Subsequently, to wit, on September 24, 1889, the following papers pertaining to this claim were returned to this office by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, pursuant to act of March 3, 1885:

Three letters from Mr. George Strain, dated March 15, March 18, and April 5, 1881; office letter of April 9, 1881, and Department letter of January 12, 1882.

I have the honor to recommend that these papers (which are herewith inclosed) be transmitted to Congress to be filed with above claim.

Very respectfully,

R. V. BELT,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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PERRYSBURGH, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO.

March 15, A. D. 1881.

SIR: Your favor of the 8th instant, in reply to my letter of the 28th ultimo, informing that the depredation claim of Richard F. Blinn, filed February 23, 1871, for \$2,400, was on the 1st day of May, 1873, reported to the honorable Secretary of the Interior with a recommendation that the same be allowed for \$1,200, that it can not be paid except by special act of Congress, came duly to hand, which I have the honor to acknowledge with my sincere thanks.

Allow me to say that I do not clearly understand why, when the amount of loss sworn to by the claimant, sustained by the witness, is \$2,400, only \$1,200 was recommended to be allowed, the Cheyenne admitting the depredation.

The claimant, since the filing, is deceased, leaving brothers and sisters; his heirs at law, father and mother, surviving. The mother, since claimant's death, is also deceased.

I am authorized as appears in the power of attorney filed with the claim.

The heirs reside in this vicinity.

In order to obtain special act of Congress for the payment of any sum of money allowed in the premises I suppose I shall need certified copies to attach to the petition for such special act, and wish to prepare and present the same at next session of Congress through the Representative of this district; and provided any sum of money is allowed and so authorized to be paid, to speedily collect and distribute the same in pursuance of law.

Will you therefore please kindly furnish such copies, and any blanks for my convenience, consistently and in harmony with the rules and usages of the office? and very greatly oblige, very respectfully,

GEORGE STRAIN.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C.*

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PERRYSBURGH, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO,  
March 28, A. D. 1881.

SIR: Your favor of the 19th in reply to mine of 15th instant—

“That, as all of the papers in the case of Richard F. Blynn were forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Interior on the 1st day of May, 1873, and transmitted to Congress January 17, 1874, it will be necessary for (me) to procure any copies (I) may need from the proper committee of Congress. Office of Indian Affairs has no further control of the papers”—

came duly, and for which you have my sincere thanks.

Therefore please kindly, in the rules and usages of the office, refer my late letter in said matter, including this, to said proper committee of Congress.

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully,

GEORGE STRAIN.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C.*

PERRYSBURGH, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO,  
April 5, A. D. 1881.

SIR: Your favor of the 31st ultimo, advising that it is not customary for Congress to furnish copies of papers on file with committees, and the better way for (me) is to procure any copies (I) may need through the honorable Representative, duly received, is now acknowledged with my sincere thanks; yet said proper committee might seem entitled to have all said letters, all correspondence in the case, and therefore, well as for any other good reason, would. I still respectfully ask that all my late letters, including this, may be, in the rules and usage of the Office of Indian Affairs, transmitted to said proper committee, wherein

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully,

GEORGE STRAIN.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, April 9, 1881.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith letters from George Strain, attorney for Richard T. Blinn, dated March 15 and 28, and 5th of April, 1881, and respectfully recommend that they be transmitted to the appropriate committee of Congress for consideration, in connection with the case of said Blinn, in compliance with the request contained in the letter of Mr. Strain of the 5th instant.

The claim of said Richard T. Blinn, amounting to \$2,400, was reported to the Department May 1, 1873.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. M. MARBLE,  
Acting Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington City, January 12, 1882.

SIR: In compliance with the terms of the seventh section of the act approved May 29, 1872, entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1873, and for other purposes," I have the honor to transmit herewith papers in the claim of Richard T. Blynn, amounting to \$2,400, for compensation on account of depredations committed by Cheyenne Indians.

A letter (copy inclosed) dated the 9th day of April, 1881, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, reporting the nature, character, and amount of said claim, is accompanied by the evidence presented in support thereof, and shows the action taken by that officer, under the rules and regulations prescribed by this Department for the investigation of such claims; all which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of Congress as contemplated by said seventh section of the act aforesaid.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. J. KIRKWOOD,  
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.